

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

To President Biden:

We write to you today regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's request for final approval of their rule that would allow for the expanded sale of E15 fuel blends. Iowa leads the nation in the production of biofuels thanks to our hardworking farmers and biofuel producers. Any delays in securing permanent, year-round E15 sales punishes Americans and farmers who have already faced record inflation, fuel prices, and market uncertainty as a result of your Administration's economic policies.

Nearly every other row of corn grown in Iowa is used to create biofuels. Each day, our farmers provide access to homegrown fuel across the nation and the world. The biofuels industry supports countless jobs, reduces prices at the pump, and provides billions of dollars in exports.

In 2022, the average price of a gallon of diesel fuel increased by 95 percent and the average price of a gallon of gasoline reached its highest level ever recorded. In the same year, the ethanol industry provided nearly 80,000 U.S. jobs, \$34.8 billion in household income and contributed \$57 billion to the nation's GDP.

Ethanol also reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 52 percent when compared to gasoline. On average, biodiesel and renewable diesel provide a 74 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

As we look ahead to 2024, Iowa's retailers and consumers want to know they can depend on E15 availability. We, therefore, request that you finalize a decision allowing for the permanent, year-round sale of E15 in advance of the new year.

The bottom line is that our farmers and biofuel producers provide innovative solutions to our nation's fuel needs while adequately stewarding our natural resources. Biofuels are good for the environment, good for America, and good for our national security. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response as soon as possible.

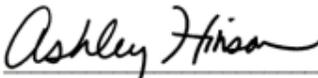
Sincerely,



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